

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

JUNE 14, 2016

The massive release of natural gas from the Aliso Canyon storage facility began on October 23, 2015, and persisted for 16 weeks. On February 11, 2016 Southern California Gas (SCG) reported the flow of gas from Well SS-25 had been stopped, and on February 18, 2016 the California Department of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) confirmed that the well was permanently sealed. Despite these actions, a majority of surveyed households reported experiencing symptoms similar to those experienced during the active gas leak even though methane and associated mercaptan levels in the air were markedly reduced.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH), working closely with experts from UCLA, the California Air Resources Board, South Coast Air Quality Management District, California Department of Public Health, Cal/EPA's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the US EPA, tested for over 250 chemicals in indoor air and household surface dust samples. Testing was conducted in 101 Porter Ranch homes near the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility, two schools and 11 homes outside the Porter Ranch area.

Testing and analysis in the Porter Ranch homes revealed metal contaminants consistent with those found in well drilling fluid, which suggests they originated from the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage facility. These metals do not pose long-term health risks but can cause respiratory and skin irritation and could be contributing to symptoms reported by residents. As a result, DPH directed Southern California Gas Company to offer and implement a comprehensive cleaning protocol.

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On May 20, 2016, the Los Angeles Superior Court ruled that Southern California Gas Company is responsible for the comprehensive cleaning of Porter Ranch homes in compliance with standards and specifications set by DPH. The County of Los Angeles must ensure that the cleaning of these homes is performed in a timely and thorough manner, consistent with the court order. Since May 22, 2016, DPH staff and contractors have performed daily oversight inspections on a minimum 10% of the homes being cleaned to assess compliance with the court order. It is not unusual for that number to reach 20% given the large number of houses being cleaned daily and the number of complaints received from residents about the quality of the cleaning.

The DPH and the Department of Public Works are working collaboratively to supplement County staff with contract technical support. This technical assistance supported the development and implementation of the indoor environmental testing, as well as providing expert consultation to interpret test results, the development of the current interior cleaning protocol, and oversight inspections.

The current contract has a limit of \$1 million which we believe will be reached late next week. The technical assistance and resources provided by this contract must continue in an uninterrupted manner until all homes have been properly cleaned.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- (1) Approve and direct the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute an amendment to Consultant Services Agreement No. PW 13687 with Leighton Consulting Inc., to increase the current total annual amount from \$1 million to \$4.5 million. This increase will assist Department of Public Health in providing time-critical technical services to perform oversight of the cleaning activities conducted by the Southern California Gas Company within the Porter Ranch Community. This increase is included in the Public Health FY 15-16 budget and will be transferred to DPWs operating budget as part of the County's final FY 15-16 budget.
- (2) Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to authorize additional services and extend the contract expiration date as necessary through completion of County oversight activities in Porter Ranch; and
- (3) Find that the proposed action to extend the above contract term and financial obligation is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

July 07, 2016

DEPT NO: 295

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR**FY 2015-16****3 - VOTES****SOURCES****USES**

Public Health - Public Health Programs

A01-PH-1000-23450

Salaries and Employee Benefits

Decrease Appropriation

\$3,500,000

Public Works

A01-PW-2000-47000

Services and Supplies

Increase Appropriation

\$3,500,000

SOURCES TOTAL

\$3,500,000

USES TOTAL

\$3,500,000

JUSTIFICATION

Appropriation adjustment is to transfer fund from Department Public Health to Department of Public Works related to Porter Ranch contract services instructed by Board motion on 6/14/2016.

ADOPTEDBOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Victor G. Cortez

Chief, Budget and Grants Management

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

Lori Glasgow

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---☐ ACTION☒ RECOMMENDATION

BY

DATE

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

B.A. NO. 272

☒ APPROVED AS REQUESTED☐ APPROVED AS REVISED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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